

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-18 are pending in the present patent application. Claims 1, 4-6, 10-15 and 18 stand rejected; and claims 7-9, 14, 16 and 17 stand objected to. By this Amendment, claims 7, 14 and 16 have been amended, and claims 1, 4-6, 10-13, 15 and 18 have been canceled. This application now includes claims 7-9, 14, 16 and 17.

The Final Office Action dated January 25, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated June 8, 2007 indicate that claims 1, 4-6, 10-15 and 18 are rejected. However, both the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action indicate that claim 14 is objected to. In addition, the Final Office Action explicitly indicates that claim 14 includes allowable subject matter and provides the Examiner's explanation of the allowable subject matter of claim 14. During a telephone call on July 24, 2007, the Examiner confirmed that claim 14 is not rejected, but rather is objected to, and that the reference to claims 1, 4-6, 10-15 and 18 being rejected is a typographical error and should reference claims 1, 4-6, 10-13, 15 and 18 as being rejected.

Applicants thank the Examiner for clarifying the status of claim 14.

Applicants have amended claims 7, 14 and 16 to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and accordingly believe claims 7-9, 14, 16 and 17 to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 7-9, 14, 16 and 17 be withdrawn.

Applicants have canceled claims 1, 4-6, 10-13, 15 and 18 in order to expedite prosecution and to place the present patent application into condition for allowance. Applicants hereby cancel claims 1, 4-6, 10-13, 15 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and hereby expressly reserve the right to pursue claims 1, 4-6, 10-13, 15 and 18 in a continuation application.

The cancellation of claims 1, 4-6, 10-13, 15 and 18 results in a change in the inventorship of the present patent application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the Request To Correct Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) submitted contemporaneously herewith.

In consideration of the above, Applicants believe that claims 7-9, 14, 16 and 17 are presently in condition for allowance, and thus respectfully request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (317) 894-0801.

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